

GENERAL REMARKS

In response to Office Action (OA) mailed on 08/01/2003, applicant amends claims in the above-identified application. Complete listing of all claims with markings showing current changes is given on pages 3 to 12. Pages 13 to 16 contain detailed remarks and closing statements.

Applicant affirms election of claims 1-40 drawn to and optical router having magneto optical rotator therein, accepting examiner's withdrawal of oral restriction requirement of 07/08/2003. Claims 41 and 42 are cancelled as per election.